

KNOX URGES CAUTION IN ACCEPTING LEAGUE

Declares Its Ratification Would Mean Far Departure From American Traditions.

LEADS RESULT OF ADOPTION

Asserts Provisions May Put It Beyond Power of Nation to Increase Size of Army and Navy.

WASHINGTON, June 20.—A plea against hasty acceptance of the league of nations was made to the Senate recently by Senator Knox, Republican of Pennsylvania, in carefully prepared address, analyzing features of the League's provisions and cautioning that its ratification would mean far departure from American traditions. The League, he declared, the former Secretary of State said, "would necessarily result in a super-government encroaching on and even upon the domestic affairs of member countries, reserving for all time the territorial boundaries shortly to be fixed by the peace treaty. He asserted the new Monroe Doctrine provision would effectually bar policy from international affairs and argued that the amendment adopted in the original resolution of the Senate would make such withdrawal "absolutely impossible."

The speech, which held closer attention than the Senate chamber than previous discussions of the treaty, contrasted markedly the beginning of debate on Mr. Knox's resolution regarding the terms of peace should be ratified without delay, and the league of nations proposal left for later consideration "for time," said the Senator, in explaining his measure "merely to consider whether or not, under the covenant as drawn, the power to put us at war will still rest with us or whether our army and navy outside our government and its officials outside, whether or not such transfer of the sovereign power is desirable."

"I ask only for time to deliberate whether or not we shall put it beyond our power to increase the size of our army and navy in times of emergency without first consulting the wish or desires of other countries."

The Knox resolution, expected to result in a bitter debate, did not come before the Senate, however, until the Senator made his address in the midst of an apprehension bill debate. He had given previous notice of his intention to speak, however, and the galleries were overflowing and nearly over塞 in his seat. Some members of the Senate spoke of the resolution will be made by Senator McCumber of North Dakota, a Republican member of the Foreign Relations Committee.

Additional plans for President Wilson's return to Europe, the league was revealed today in official circles. It became known that the trip probably would cover a period of three weeks, and would follow directly the President's appearance before a joint session of Congress to ratify the peace and league covenant. It was said Mr. Wilson would leave France on June 24 or 25 should Germany sign the peace treaty and probably would arrive about July 3.

SUGAR MOVES FROM PORTO RICO IN REGULAR STREAM

Shipments From Island to New York Now Average 60,000 Tons Monthly.

SAN JUAN, June 20.—Shipments of Porto Rican sugar to New York will be increased from one million to the basic of 10,000 tons a month, say the latest advices to the Sugar Producers' Association from the Board of Equalization of the United States Shipping Board. Shipments of sugar are now being forwarded regularly after a complete cessation for three weeks in April.

Three centrals which have so far reported their output of sugar to the association show that they can admit production by about 20 per cent. According to the latest figures of the Sugar Producers' Association, less than half of the sugar sent to the ground throughout the month has been shipped. Of the 2,241,000 bags manufactured, 1,625,000 bags had been shipped up to May 12, while 53,400 bags had been sold for local consumption, leaving a balance of 600,000 in the island of 1,172,400 bags.

PROTESTS AGAINST AIRPLANES

Man Agitates Movement Against Allowing Aircraft Flying Overhead and Making Air Bombs.

HARROD GRACE, N. Y., June 20.—The St. John Daily News carries the following in the Daily News, N. Y.—As one who protested against the bicycle nuisance twenty years ago, I desire to join in the present agitation to prevent motor cars from using the public roads, overrunning pedestrians with dust and interfering with their comfort.

I also wish to voice a protest against airplanes using allowed to fly over houses, frightening poultry and thereby interfering with the supply of eggs, so important during the present shortage of food.

This nuisance is only just beginning, and now is the time to stop it before the airplane becomes as great a pest as the bicycle and the motor car. Yours truly,

TROY BOND, PUBLICIST.

FORM BRITISH DRAMA BODY

Will Be a Consulting Center for all Interested in the Theater.

LONDON, June 21.—A British drama league, operated on somewhat different lines from the Drama League of America, is to be formed soon. It is to be a kind of consulting center for all interested in the theater.

Lord Howard de Walden is to be its first president. Other well-known persons interested in the movement are Miss Lena Ashwell, the actress; Glynne Barker and the labor leader, J. D. Blythe and J. H. Thomas.

WOULD REDUCE DEMANDS

Temps Hears That Erzberger Does Not Want Former Emperor Punished.

By Associated Press.

PARIS, June 20.—The Temps understands that Matthias Erzberger, if he returns to Germany, will ask two modifications of the peace treaty. The first will be the taking down of the clause concerning responsibility for the war, so as to spare German susceptibility, and the second abandonment of prosecution of the former Emperor.

BERNSTOFF MAY SIGN

Paris Report Says He Has Been Named Minister of Foreign Affairs.

PARIS, June 20.—An unconfirmed report received here from the army intelligence bureau at Coblenz says Count von Bernstorff, former German ambassador to the United States, has been named as Minister of Foreign Affairs, and that he will come to Versailles to sign the peace treaty.

Money to Aid Search for Oil.

LONDON, June 20.—Five million dollars is to be set aside by the British government to conduct a search for petroleum in Great Britain. The Financial Secretary to the Treasury told the House of Commons, He also stated that \$100,000 would be devoted to aid flax production, principally in England.

FAILS TO APPRECIATE NEED OF BIRTH REGISTRATION

But Twenty States Qualify for Admission into Census Bureau's Statistical Area.

Monkey Gets Joy and Life Sentence

Temperance Forces Are Swelled After "Roger" Falls Off Wagon.

NEW YORK, June 20.—The temperance forces were swelled today by no less than a conviction that Roger, the monkey of the educational wagon, who so far is known never took but one tumble from the water, was in his entire career a drunkard and disorderly in more or less simple-mindedness, for which his still more highly educated brothers are sentenced to twenty days in the cage. Roger, the waggon's year campaign conducted by the Children's Bureau, United States Department of Labor, and the child conservation section of the Council of National Defense, have frequently found that the question, "Is the birth registered?" which is listed on the record cards, has to be answered with a "No." In some cases the question was left unanswered because the parents themselves did not know whether or not the birth had been registered.

Sir Arthur Newsholme, the English authority on vital statistics and measurement for the reduction of infant mortality, who spoke at the Chautaukuan conference recently held at Washington, has stated that it is the prompt registration of births in England that makes it possible for the public health service in that country to go at once to the aid of mothers at birth, to care for her, and to make sure that everything possible is done to insure the mother good care and reasonable rest before giving birth again. It was Great Britain's vital statistics which enabled Sir Arthur to point out more than ten years ago that the infant mortality rate in England was very much higher in certain congested and insanitary

districts than it was in the well-kept districts, where the well-to-do people live.

According to this child welfare expert, an important step for the United States to take in saving its children's lives is to see to it that every birth is promptly registered.

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